



## Lesson 70

# DAVID AND GOLIATH

### Story Elements

- **Setting:** approx. 1040 B.C.
- **Main Characters:** God, David, Goliath, and Saul
- **Plot:** David conquers the giant Goliath aided only by a sling, a stone, and faith in God.
- **Key word(s):** “the battle is the \_\_\_\_\_”
- **Climax:** “*And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.*” (v 11)

### The Blasphemous Challenger

1. (vv 1-3) The armies of the Philistines and the Hebrews gathered for battle near Shochoh, which is approximately \_\_\_\_\_ miles west of Bethlehem.
2. (vv 3-7) Often in ancient battles champions were selected from each camp to fight instead sending every man into battle. The Philistines' man was the giant named Goliath. His impressiveness was from:
  - a. his height, which measured “six cubits and a span” (about \_\_\_\_\_),
  - b. his coat of mail, which weighed 5,000 shekels (about \_\_\_\_\_ pounds),
  - c. his spear, which was compared to a weaver's beam (part of a loom, possibly measuring \_\_\_\_\_ inches in diameter),
  - d. and his spear's head which weighed 600 shekels ( \_\_\_\_\_ pounds).
3. (vv 8-11) For forty days (v 16), every morning and evening, Goliath taunted the Hebrews and dared any man to duel him. King Saul, desperate for a champion, offered wealth, title, and his \_\_\_\_\_ to any man willing to face Goliath. (v 25)

### The Boy-Champion

4. (vv 12-15) Meanwhile in Bethlehem, David alternated between his duties as Saul's armor bearer, court musician, and his father's shepherd.
5. (vv 17-18) David took a break from shepherding to deliver \_\_\_\_\_ to his three older brothers serving in the Hebrew army.
6. (vv 19-32) Upon arrival at the camp, David was appalled at Goliath's \_\_\_\_\_ words and the Hebrews' lack of faith in God.
  - a. (v 28) \_\_\_\_\_ must've understood David's words as braggadocios chest-thumping, and he rebuked his little brother for speaking in a way that (in his eyes) diminished the seriousness of the situation.
  - b. Nevertheless, David's courage soon caught the attention of the king, to whom he

was summoned, and to whom he said, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this \_\_\_\_\_." (vs. 32)

7. (v 33) Saul objected to David's fighting Goliath because of the vast difference in age, size, and combat experience. But Saul relented to David's courage.
  - a. (vv 34-37) David assured Saul that he had faced similarly dangerous foes in the pasture defending sheep from \_\_\_\_\_. David said, "The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine."
  - b. (vv 38-40) Saul advised the brave youth to wear the king's armor, but David refused them and went into battle armed only with his shepherd's staff, a sling, and \_\_\_\_\_ stones.
8. (vv 42-44) Goliath was insulted that Israel would send an unarmed boy to fight him, and he \_\_\_\_\_ David.
9. (vv 45-47) David met the giant's blasphemy and insults with a bold demonstration of faith, declaring to Goliath, "This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine \_\_\_\_\_ from thee..." (vs. 46) and "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD...that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel." (vv 45-46)
10. (vv 48-53) With his sling, David shot a stone into the giant's head, felling him and winning the day.
  - a. The Philistine fled and the Hebrews gave chase and \_\_\_\_\_ their tents.
  - b. David brought Goliath's head to \_\_\_\_\_ – perhaps to strike fear into the Jebusites who at that time inhabited Jerusalem. (Is it possible that David had his sights set on taking Jerusalem for his city since he was a youth?)
  - c. David also kept Goliath's \_\_\_\_\_ as a battle trophy.
11. (vv 52-58) Saul's curiosity about David's pedigree was probably because Saul had promised his daughter's hand in marriage to the victor.

## Application

12. David's victory over Goliath not only demonstrates the power of God and the victory of faith, but the unarmed shepherd boy also reminds us of the meek and lowly Jesus who conquered humanity's greatest foes: sin and \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Answer Key

Key word(s): "LORD's" • 1. 15 • 2. a) 9' 9"; b) 125; c) 2-3; d) 15 • daughter in marriage • 4 --- • 5. food • 6. blasphemous; a) Eliab; b) Philistine • 7. a) lions and bears; b) five • 8. disdained • 9. head • 10. a) plundered; b) Jerusalem; c) armor 11. --- • 12. death